

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

PART 439
NONGAME FISH AND WILDLIFE TRUST FUND

324.43901 Definitions.

Sec. 43901. As used in this part:

(a) "Nongame fish and wildlife" means fish or wild animals that are unconfined and not ordinarily taken for sport, fur, or food, and the habitat that supports them. However, nongame fish and wildlife includes fish and wild animals designated as game species when located in an area of this state where the taking of that species of fish or wild animal is prohibited.

(b) "Trust fund" means the nongame fish and wildlife trust fund created in section 43902.

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324.43902 Nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

Sec. 43902. (1) The nongame fish and wildlife trust fund is created in the state treasury. The trust fund shall consist of all money credited to the trust fund pursuant to section 439 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.439, and section 811I of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.811I, and any interest and earnings accruing from the saving and investment of that money.

(2) The trust fund may receive appropriations, money, or other things of value.

(3) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140I.

(4) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the trust fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the trust fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

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324.43903 Retention of certain money in trust fund on permanent basis; expenditures.

Sec. 43903. (1) At least 20% of the money annually credited to the trust fund pursuant to section 439 of the income tax act of 1967, Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1967, being section 206.439 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall be retained in the trust fund on a permanent basis.

(2) The interest and earnings of the trust fund and any money not otherwise retained under subsection (1) shall be expended for the purposes of implementing the management plan described in section 43904.

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324.43904 Plan for management of nongame fish and wildlife resources.

Sec. 43904. The department shall develop and implement a long-range plan for the management of Michigan's nongame fish and wildlife resources. The plan shall be reviewed and updated as necessary every 5 years.

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324.43905 Duties of department.

Sec. 43905. The department shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop long-range nongame wildlife plans.

(b) Provide information to the public about the value of nongame fish and wildlife and their habitats.

- (c) Review and develop proposals for projects to implement the long-range management plan.
- (d) Determine the interests and opinions of the public in managing nongame fish and wildlife.
- (e) Encourage public involvement by offering projects and activities with which the public can become involved to increase their knowledge and understanding of nongame fish and wildlife resources in this state.
- (f) Integrate the nongame fish and wildlife program with other department programs that affect or benefit nongame fish and wildlife or their habitats.
- (g) Purchase and develop critical nongame wildlife habitats in this state.

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324.43906 Determination of projects to be funded; solicitation and approval of proposals.

Sec. 43906. The department shall determine which projects should be funded with money from the trust fund. The department shall solicit and approve proposals from individuals, groups, and institutions for the management of nongame fish and wildlife species. In order for a proposal to be approved, the proposal must comply with the long-range plan once completed and must further the management of nongame fish and wildlife species identified in the plan.

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324.43907 Public information program.

Sec. 43907. The department shall develop and implement a public information program to present the values and benefits of nongame fish and wildlife and their habitats to our society, including the means by which citizens can observe and enjoy nongame fish and wildlife; to inform the public as to how the nongame fish and wildlife fund is being utilized to meet the goals set forth in the plan; and to inform the public on the existence of the nongame fish and wildlife fund and its purpose.

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